

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2016
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.02pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)

Mr T Clarke

Mr S Dickson

Mr G Kelly

Mrs K McKevitt

Mrs S Overend

Ms C Ruane

Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel

Mr G McGrath

Mr P Gill

Mr S Kelly

Mr R Ramsey

Ms F Leneghan

Mr G Ervine

Clerk of Business

**Director of Parliamentary
Services**

Clerk Assistant

**Legal Services and
Governance**

Adviser to the Speaker

PS/Speaker

Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

Junior Minister McCann

Junior Minister Pengelly

Mr A Rogers

OFMDFM

1. Apologies

1.1 There were apologies from Mr A Maginness and Mrs Mr R Swann.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 09 February were **agreed**.

3. Matters arising

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 22 February 2016**

Executive Business

- 4.1 Members **noted** that since last week the First Stage of the Land Acquisition and Compensation (Amendment) Bill has been scheduled for Monday 22 February, subject to the Speaker's agreement.
- 4.2 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 22 February.
- 4.3 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 23 February.

Committee Business

- 4.4 Members **noted** that there was still no Committee Business scheduled for Monday 22 February.
- 4.5 Members **noted** that there was still no Committee Business scheduled for Tuesday 23 February.

Private Members' Business

- 4.6 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 22 February.
- 4.7 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business scheduled for Tuesday 23 February.
- 4.8 Junior Minister Pengelly advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.9 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 29 February 2016**

Assembly Business

- 5.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 29 February.

- 5.2 Members **agreed** to schedule the consideration of business not concluded on Monday 29 February as the first item of business for Tuesday 01 March.

Executive Business

- 5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 29 February:

- Further Consideration Stage of the Rural Needs Bill.
- Legislative Consent Motion on the Criminal Cases Review Commission (Information) Bill.
- Legislative Consent Motion on the Enterprise Bill: Small Business Commissioner Provisions.
- Motion on draft Debt Relief Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (Consequential Amendments) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Motion on draft Teachers' Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure.

- 5.4 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 01 March:

- Accelerated Passage Motion on the Land Acquisition and Compensation (Amendment) Bill.
- Second Stage of the Land Acquisition and Compensation (Amendment) Bill.
- Final Stage of the Employment Bill.
- Further Consideration Stage of the Justice (No. 2) Bill.
- Question Time to the Minister of Education and the Minister for Employment and Learning

Committee Business

- 5.5 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for Monday 29 February.
- 5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee on Procedures on its Report on the Review of Public Petitions Procedures for Tuesday 01 March.
- 5.7 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with 10 minutes to move and wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

- 5.8 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Employment and Learning on its Report on the Inquiry into post Special Educational Need Provision in Education, Employment and Training for those with Learning Disabilities in Northern Ireland for Tuesday 01 March.
- 5.9 Members **agreed** that up to 2 hours should be allocated for the motion, with 15 minutes to move and wind and 7 minutes for all other speakers.

Private Members' Business

- 5.10 Members **agreed** to schedule the Final Stage of the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill for Monday 29 February.
- 5.11 Members **agreed** to schedule the Consideration Stage of the Licensing Bill for Monday 29 February.
- 5.12 Members **agreed** to schedule the Consideration Stage of the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill for Monday 29 February.
- 5.13 Members **noted** that there was no time to schedule any further Private Members' Motions on either day.
- 5.14 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Members **noted** correspondence from the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister following the Speaker's request that all Departmental Ministers are reminded of the need to allow sufficient time when requesting a change to their Question Time allocation.
- 6.2 Members **noted** further correspondence from the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister following the Speaker's request for an updated list of departmental responsibilities.
- 6.3 Members **noted** correspondence from the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and **agreed** to change the date of their Question Time slot from Monday 14 March to Monday 07 March.

7. Any other business

- 7.1 The Speaker reminded Whips, in the light of the volume of business, of the importance of ensuring that their Members were in the Chamber to speak to

the items of business that they had indicated on the speaking list or that they had removed their names from the list if they longer wisher to speak.

8. **Date and time of next meeting**

- 8.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1.00pm on Tuesday 23 February 2016 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.12pm

The Speaker
Chairperson